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A Few Words On Support, Departures, Arrivals

The summer is well underway and our City is in the midst of one of its busiest seasons. While traditionally there are no commission meetings during the month of August. Commissioners, city staff and I, are busy through September finalizing fiscal matters, reviewing the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 budget and working with citizens to stay prepared through hurricane season. This year, we are also welcoming a new City official to our organization as one of our community leaders departs from his appointed position as Acting City Manager.

Alan Silva, a resident who stepped up to the plate for 10 months and assisted our City during a challenging time, recently stepped down from the post. During his tenure, he dedicated a great deal of his professional expertise and time to helping us work through our budgetary challenges. We'd like to thank Mr. Silva for his efforts and look forward to his continued input as an active citizen.

On behalf of the City, I'd like to welcome George Gretsas. As of August 2nd, he begins working with us as the new City Manager. Gretsas comes to us from White Plains, New York, with more than 14 years of government experience in various positions. We look forward to his leadership in our continued efforts to strengthening our financial future with a new budget.

On September 8 and 21, Fort Lauderdale will hold public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 budget. Both meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and take place in the 1st floor City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. To position the City for future financial stability, balancing fiscal needs with community needs will require greater efforts than in the past. In our commitment to achieving our long term financial goals and maintaining high standards, community involvement is key. We welcome citizen input throughout this process.

Community involvement is evident in many ways. Our local businesses are great leaders in our City. I would like to thank the more than 50 businesses that came forward to lend support for the national Neighborhoods USA Conference in neighboring Hollywood recently. Thanks to business sponsorships and in-kind support, several citizens were able to attend the conference, while dozens of our neighborhoods featured successful projects during a special tour for hundreds of conference attendees from throughout the nation. Also, our Comcast and the law firm of Taylor Hodkin Kopelowitz & Ostrow, P.A. underwrote our July 4th celebration. We thank you for your generosity and support.

In closing, I would like to remind our citizens that South Florida is in the height of hurricane season. I urge everyone to make your preparations if you haven't already done so and stay safe throughout the rest of the summer.

City Ranked Among Top Cities To Do Business Nationally

The City of Fort Lauderdale is ranked one of the *Top Cities in America* for doing business, according to Inc. Magazine.

The Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood-Pompano Beach area ranked No. 7 on the magazine's *Top Cities* list which looked at more than 250 large, medium and small metropolitan regions across the country. Fort Lauderdale's ranking was the result of an affordable cost of living, relatively low business start-up costs, and reasonable housing options, particularly when compared to more expensive regions such as New York, Boston and San Francisco. Other positives include a business-friendly government, growth in the business and professional service industries, a well-educated workforce, and a talent pool that features both young, upwardly mobile professionals and a growing number of early retirees, individuals in their 50s who have retired to South Florida but are reentering the workforce or starting new businesses.

Fort Lauderdale was also named the 16th best City for Fastest, Most Sustained Growth, and ranked No. 145 for Most Balanced Economy and Growth.

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Acting City Manager's Message



Alan A. Silva

A Look At Challenges, Milestones, Plans

On October 7th of last year, I was appointed as the Acting City Manager. With the City facing a challenging financial future, my primary purpose was to set a solid, financially prudent course. Over the past 10 months, I have spent many hours working with the City Commission, employees, and the citizens of Fort Lauderdale to determine and implement the best methods to accomplish this.

With the Commission setting the tone and direction, City staff and I worked in conjunction with advisory boards, community association, and citizens to forge a workable financial plan for this year and for years to come. For any such plan to be viable, it needs to meet the requirements of the community, while stabilizing our finances, reestablishing reserves, and fully funding non-discretionary items, such as pensions and insurance payments. Having set out our goals early in the process, we have successfully reached many milestones, some of which I would like to share with you at this time.

With our newly-established system of monthly reports and analysis, the Commission is better informed than at any

time in the past. We are monitoring the City's progress on a consistent basis and are able to address immediately any items of concern. City departments have prioritized programs, achieved revenue targets, and implemented cost-cutting measures. Overtime expenditures have been reduced by more than 54%, down by \$4 million from the FY 2003 level of \$7.4 million.

Challenges still face us, City and citizens alike, as we continue to build a solid financial future. Maintaining fiscal discipline will be a critical component if we are to succeed. The proposed budget has been presented to the Commission and hearings will be conducted on September 8 and 21, 2004, so the public can express its opinions and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. I would like to highlight a few items included in the proposed budget.

Sustainability and financial stability has been my goal from the onset. In the beginning, I had to work within the resources that had been determined by the budget. That same sense of stability now includes the necessity to enhance revenues, requiring an increase in the tax rate and/or fire assessment fee for the coming year. At

the July 20th City Commission meeting, I proposed a combined millage of 5.7951 for both operations and debt service purposes. The City Commission approved a 6.2098 rate, as the maximum possible in the absence of a fire assessment increase.

The city's non-health Insurance Fund has accumulated a deficit over three years, which at the end of FY 2003 totaled \$14 million. The Commission funded the first year of a three-year plan to resolve this deficit at its July 7 meeting. With the implementation of this plan, the realistic charges to departments, and the arrival of the new Risk Manager, I am confident that we are on the right course.

Your new City Manager, George Gretsas, is on board with great enthusiasm and has already been working with City staff and Commissioners. He will need your collaboration, cooperation and support to meet your needs and continue building a stable future. I appreciate the opportunity to serve during such a challenging time. As a resident, I hope to continue providing input and anticipate continued progress, as we strive to achieve a sustainable future.

New Online Calendar Application Unveiled

A new online calendar on the City of Fort Lauderdale website offers readers easy and quick access to all types of City events. The new calendar is a giant step forward in terms of features, information and speed. With the click of a mouse, web surfers can obtain basic information

about events taking place in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Visitors to www.fortlauderdale.gov can search for Commission meetings, festivals, City holidays, and events and programs at War Memorial, parks & recreation facilities and more.

A unique calendar on the left hand side of the page lets you choose events by date, type and keyword. Information featured on the calendar provides dates, a brief description of the item, admission prices when applicable, location, and links to more information.

Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov



Mark Your Calendars

The City Commission is on recess during the month of August. There are no commission meetings scheduled throughout the month of August.

Holiday Observance

In observance of Labor Day, the City of Fort Lauderdale City Hall and its offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th.

For emergencies regarding water, sewer, storm repairs, maintenance, and solid waste/trash, please call the 24-hour Customer Service Line at 954-828-8000.

Consequently, the following City Commission schedule change was made to accommodate the Labor Day holiday. Commission meetings for September will take place as follows:

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

1:30 p.m. Conference Meeting
(held in the 8th floor Conference Room)

6 p.m. Regular Meeting
(held in the 1st floor Commission Chambers)

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

1:30 p.m. Conference Meeting
(held in the 8th floor Conference Room)

6 p.m. Regular Meeting
(held in the 1st floor Commission Chambers)

Budget Public Hearings Set

Public hearings on the City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 will take place on the following dates in the City Commission Chambers, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, 1st floor:

First Hearing

Wednesday, September 8 at 6 p.m.

Second Hearing

Tuesday, September 21 at 6 p.m.

For additional information about the Proposed Budget for Fiscal year 2004-2005, please contact the City Clerk's Office at **954-828-5003**.

Code Answers Call For Disabled Woman's Needs

For many seniors, maintaining a home and adapting it to their changing needs is a challenge - both physically and financially.

When such a situation came to light in a City of Fort Lauderdale neighborhood, the Community Inspections Division went on a search for resources to help a 70-year old disabled woman preserve her property, keep her memories and obtain a replacement home.

"The current conditions qualify the home as an unsafe structure, but other than relocating the property owner to a safer yet unfamiliar surrounding, we would not have met her personal needs and concerns," said **Lori Milano**, Director of Community Inspections.

Mrs. Markowitz has owned her three-bedroom house since 1976. In it are her most treasured memories from the days when she held Bible study. It was in the last few years that the foliage was left to overgrow, concealing the home from street view.

Although Community Inspections had cited the property for code violations in the past, after an onsite visit by staff and members of the community, it was apparent that this was a unique situation and something more needed to be done. Code Compliance Officers **Cheryl Pingitore** and **Andre Cross** decided to befriend the elderly woman. They went a step further and made plans to paint the house and clear some of the overgrown foliage over

a weekend. They quickly found out that the resident was living in one room.

"Through the years, she has managed to transfer all of her most treasured belongings into the living room. All of the walls in the other rooms have water damage or holes and the roof is caving in," said Cross.



Photos from top left display the damage the home has sustained through the years from water damage.

"At the City of Fort Lauderdale, Community Inspections is here to help," added Milano. "We try to identify the needs of what every neighborhood wants to be when they grow up, rather than just issuing a code fine for non-compliance."

"Sometimes that means working with the property owner, local resources and the surrounding neighborhood to assist the individual," said Pingitore. "As a result, with the Mrs. Markowitz will have a replacement 1200 square foot home, complete with ADA modifications, by the end of the year."

The replacement home will be funded through federal grants coordinated by the Community and Economic Development Division.

One of the City's greatest assets is its unique residential neighborhoods. The City enjoys a unique landscape of architectural aesthetics. As a function of the City, Code Compliance officers are dedicated to protecting the public's health, safety and welfare, while ensuring every citizen the right to a clean, enjoyable neighborhood. This is done by ensuring that properties are maintained up to the minimum standards as established in the code of ordinances. While sometimes this means issuing citations to property owners who do not comply, it often means working with the property owners to prevent blight in our neighborhoods.

"These code compliance officers went beyond the call of duty to help the individual set her fears aside and embrace the new replacement home. To meet the needs of her elderly mother, she had a routine. To upset that routine would have been devastating," said **Susan Batchelder**, Community Inspections Supervisor.

In addition to seeking community support for a fence, the Community Inspections Division is raising funds for a washer and dryer for the disabled resident. Anyone who is interested in contributing to the assistance of this project is asked to contact Susan Batchelder at **(954) 828-5251**.



Historic Sabre Jet Returned To Holiday Park

For more than two decades, the entrance of Holiday Park from Nininger Drive and Federal Highway was graced with an F86-H Sabre Jet that stood as a memorial to the Armed Forces.

For the last five years, the community treasure has been at Homestead Air Force Base being restored. It was finally returned in mint condition in June and placed on the median in front of War Memorial Auditorium.

The Air Force Association Gold Coast Chapter 351, Kauff's Transportation of Miami, Homestead Air Reserve Base and the City of Fort Lauderdale funded the restoration project.

"As a group, we are delighted that it has been returned after thousands of hours of work led by the 482nd Fighter Wing of the Air Force Reserve," said **Rod Edmunds**, of the local Air Force Association Gold Coast Chapter 351. "Chief Master Sgt. John Folger led the restoration project which brought crews from around the states to participate in a training exercise on how to repair a plane for combat."

For 25 years, the F86-H Sabre Jet overlooked Sunrise Boulevard from the north entrance of Holiday Park. On May 21, 1999, it was lifted by a crane onto a flatbed and was transported to Homestead Air Force Base for needed



Crews at Homestead Air Force Base dedicated thousands of hours to the restoration of the plane. In this photo, one of the plane's wings is being transported for work.

restoration. While away, the plane received new parts and a coat of paint to restore it to its original camouflage color. Total cost of the restoration was approximately \$70,000.

The 5,000-pound, single-seater

F86-H Sabre Jet never saw combat but was flown by the U.S. Navy and retired to Fort Lauderdale on June 25, 1970. The jet was moved from Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport to Holiday Park in May 1974. The F86-H was the first swept-wing design fighter and was known for its remarkable speed and maneuverability capable of carrying two 1,000-pound bombs.

Plans are underway for a dedication ceremony in conjunction with Veteran's Day festivities on November 11 hosted by the Air Force Association Gold Coast Chapter 351

Snyder Park Serves Swimming Space For Dogs Every Weekend and Holidays

All dog lovers and their four-legged friends can swim at Snyder Park in the fresh water lake every Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

For \$1 each, dogs may swim leash-free from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proof of current vaccination must be presented prior to entering the park. Snyder Park is located at 3299 S.W. 4th Avenue. Entrance fees to the park are as follows:

Weekends

\$2 for adults

\$1.50 for children 6-12 years

Free for seniors and children under 5

Weekdays

\$1.50 for adults

\$1 for children 6-12 years of age

Free for seniors and children under 5

For more information, please call (954) 828-DOGS (3647).

Citizen Input Sought On ADA Accessibility Improvements To Sidewalks

The City of Fort Lauderdale invites citizens to identify and request accessibility improvements for the disabled to public sidewalks and intersections located within the City's jurisdiction and control.

The City will include such locations on a prioritized list of sidewalk and intersection locations that require improvements to meet American's With Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

For more information, please contact Barbara Howell, Engineering Technician, at (954) 828-5734 or email Bhowell@fortlauderdale.gov. Notices may also be mailed to:

**Barbara Howell, Engineering Technician, City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N. Andrews Avenue, 4th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**





The renderings above provide a north and south view of a new structure that will not only serve as the gateway to the ballfields, but will also house the concession stand, restrooms and elevated press box.

The Vision Continues

Construction at Joseph C. Carter Park resumes in full force.

Joseph C. Carter Park is buzzing with construction and movement.

The benches are arriving, irrigation is complete on the eastern side of the park, the sports lights have been installed, landscaping is commencing and construction has resumed after an unexpected delay.

"We look forward to providing the quality amenities and recreation programs at Joseph C. Carter Park when the park is complete," said **Phil Thornburg**, Acting Parks and Recreation Director.

Carter Park is one of the City's most used parks. As the pride of the community, it has served as home to basketball, football, tennis, soccer, fitness and swimming programs for thousands of residents and visitors year-round. The transformation scheduled for the park located at 1450 W. Sunrise Blvd. will not only enhance existing facilities, but add amenities to accommodate the expanding programs on the grounds.

A delay in construction, due in part to a contract dispute and workmanship deficiencies with a previous vendor, has been resolved.

"The City is committed to maintaining the highest of standards in all community projects regardless of the circumstances," said **Robert Clapp**, Project Engineer for the City of Fort Lauderdale. "Our goal is to meet our community's quality of life needs with the highest expectations."

Now that construction is back on track, with an anticipated completion date at the end of the year, here is a brief look at what you can expect to see.

Entryway Features...

A new column and bar fence with a decorative gate entryway feature will be added as well as a marquee will be placed near the entrance to announce events. An additional turn lane has been added at N.W. 16th Avenue to ease entrance and exit of the park.



A new parking lot will make better use of the space between the ballfields.

Paths To Fitness

For those who enjoy outdoor exercising, a new walking/jogging path with fitness stations will run the perimeter of the park. The groundwork for the paths are already in place.

Pool Enhancements To Be Provided

The original pool building has been replaced by a new structure complete with a new filtration system for the existing lap pool and a new zero depth water playground that is also to be installed. The new water playground will be located south of the existing lap pool, which serves as a "Learn To Swim Program" site.

Additional structures have been constructed that will serve as an admission gate, a lifeguard stand and a storage facility. An awning structure, constructed between the two pools, will provide shade for parents and visitors to the water facilities. Both pools will be fenced.

Gymnasium Expansion

On the northeast corner of the park is the existing gymnasium which houses the City's boxing program. The facility has been expanded to make room for two handicap accessible bathrooms and an additional 800 square feet for the boxing program.

State of the Art Ballfield/Concession Stand Renovations

A new structure, located on the north side of the parking lot adjacent to the fields, has been constructed to house concession stands with a full kitchen and serving windows, an elevated press box and handicap accessible restrooms. A reconfiguration of the parking lot has taken place to meet handicap accessibility and landscaping codes. The current baseball and football fields in the northwest corner of the park have been reconfigured to allow the football field to be located adjacent to the press box. The vertical support posts for the backstops of the fields are in the ground.

Uptown Business District Marker Unveils Renaissance For Area

It's the sign of new time for the Uptown Business District.

The unveiling last month of a new entry way sign at the northern border of the Uptown Business District means more to its supporters than simply a welcoming identifier to the area.

"This is a permanent marker of the sense of place that we are creating as a key business and industrial location" said Cort Neimark, of Neimark & Nadel, P.A. and Chairman of the Uptown Development Improvement Group (UDIG).

The new sign is located on the median of W. Cypress Creek Road, just west of I-95. The three-sided sign stands nine feet tall and four feet wide and features a brushed aluminum finish with exposed bolts giving it a high-tech, futuristic appearance. The top of the sign is triangular in shape and comes to a point on all three sides.

The Uptown Business District is bounded by McNab Road (north); Commercial Boulevard (south); Dixie Highway (east) and U.S. 441 (west).

The project was spearheaded by the City of Fort Lauderdale



Commissioner Christine Teel, Mayor Jim Naugle and former Acting City Manager Alan Silva, standing immediately to the right of the new Uptown Business District sign, are accompanied by UDIG Chairman Cort Neimark, President/CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Christopher Pollack, Chairman of Uptown Business Council Michael Scarpino, and neighboring City of Oakland Park Vice Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy during the ceremonial unveiling.

and UDIG, a task force of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Uptown Business Council. UDIG is committed to promoting economic development in the Uptown area and providing leadership in programs and issues that benefit the Uptown community.

The group has already produced a planning vision for the area and is currently working on raising funds for a Master Plan that will guide future growth and development in the Uptown Business District while also addressing strategies for continued business expansion, attraction and retention.

The monument is the result of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP), which provides matching grants of up to \$25,000 to not-for-profit, recognized business

associations to help fund capital improvement projects that enhance the appearance of the City's business areas.

"The marker is characteristic of the area and is an important first step in establishing a sense of identity and unity for the district," said **Marisol Lotito**, City of Fort Lauderdale NCIP/BCIP Program Manager with Neighborhood Services.

Pre-paid Debit Card System To Enhance Parking Services

Parking in the City of Fort Lauderdale is about to embrace the same principle as debit systems.

The Parking Services Division announces the Pre-paid Debit Card for parking customers who use single space meters in the downtown business district, arts and entertainment district, the beach and courthouse areas.

Next calendar year, the Parking Services Division hopes to have all remaining single space meters in the City equipped with the ability to accept the pre-paid debit card.

The card works in single space meters that are marked by decals and slotted for the debit card. The cards can be preloaded in increments of \$25 up to \$100. There is no fee for the card.

"The possibilities of this system are endless for drivers and merchants alike," said **Darlene Pfeiffer**, Financial Administrator for the Parking Service Division. "Drivers acquire greater freedom to pay for parking without having to carry a pocket full of change. Merchants large and small can develop a program that will allow them to purchase parking for their clients ahead of time."

The Pre-Paid Debit Card Program is ideal for:

Drivers who visit the Federal Courthouse, municipal and county offices, restaurants, and other downtown businesses;

Condo associations with overflow parking;

Businesses who want to provide

complimentary customer parking or want to pre-pay for their employees' parking;

Conventions and conference developers who want to include the parking as part of the program packages for their attendees;

Hotel and motels can offer the pre-paid parking as a marketing tool benefiting the customer staying in their establishment.

For more information on the card, call the Parking

Services Division at **954-828-3700**.





The noise monitor shown at the top left is one of several situated in residential neighborhoods surrounding FXE. The photo on the right is a close-up of the microphone located on the noise monitoring system. Photos courtesy of FXE. Photos of ANOMS by Paul Sarcione, FXE Airport Programs Aide.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport's (FXE) recommendation of a key procedure that reroutes aircraft noise away from surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Effective August 1st, the procedure known as the "I-95 Turn" requires all turbo-jet aircraft departing runway 8 east and south-bound to route along I-95 over commercial and industrial areas during sensitive nighttime hours. The approval is a sweet victory for FXE, a much anticipated relief to surrounding neighborhoods, and a testament to the hard work of airport staff, air traffic controllers, residents, community activists, and elected officials have put forth. The I-95 Turn was one of several measures recommended as part of a Revised Noise Compatibility Study that was submitted to the FAA in January of 2003. A Coordinating Committee, made up of volunteers representing the community, the users of FXE, neighboring municipalities and regulatory agencies participated in the study. The Coordinating Committee worked closely with the Airport and project consultants to review study elements, discuss possible noise remedies, and assist with the development of a list of noise reduction recommendations.

"The I-95 turn was the linchpin to a successful noise abatement program at FXE and the FAA eventually saw the merit to the suggestions that airport staff, air traffic controllers, residents, city officials and Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr. were supporting for quite some time," said **Commissioner Christine Teel**, who first became involved as a member of the Northeast Alliance Homeowners Association several years ago.

"With our noise monitoring system, we have recorded jets voluntarily turning during daytime and evening hours and believe this to be a positive step," said **Clara Bennett**, Acting Airport Manager. "The approval is a measure that the community as well as airport staff have worked very hard to obtain. We are confident that neighborhoods will notice a considerable reduction in noise."

FXE is one of the busiest general aviation airports in the country and is committed to serving as a noise sensitive airport. FXE is continuously striving to meet the needs of nearby resi-

dential communities while meeting the needs of the aviation industry. As with most airports, community concern about aircraft noise at FXE has fluctuated as the nature of aircraft operations have changed over time.

"FXE abides by stricter noise standards than at most general aviation airports. It conducts a variety of programs and strategies to comply with the requests of the community and industry," said Bennett. "Most airports don't go to the extent that we do. The result is an airport that is a good neighborhood."

FXE operates state-of-the-art noise monitoring equipment called the Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS). ANOMS allows the Airport to correlate citizen reports of unusually loud operations to the individual aircraft that generated the disturbance. The airport can then determine the plane's altitude and noise levels over the homes. This information helps FXE staff follow-up with individual pilots and implement and monitor noise abatement procedures. FXE has recently purchased additional upgrades to the system that will further link the airport to incoming aircraft the moment they file a flight path.

FXE staff enjoys a strong working relationship with the aircraft companies and pilots who are fixed operators on the airport grounds. Daily follow-ups, regular site visits, informational faxes and emails are just some of the communication methods that airport staff rely on to maintain an effective pilot information system. Additionally, active partners in FXE's noise abatement programs extend their services to educate other pilots and operators on efficient noise abatement procedures. Each year, FXE presents the ACE awards (Achievements in Community Excellence) which recognize pilots and aircraft operators who make exceptional efforts to comply with the elements of the Airport's Noise Abatement Program throughout the year.

FXE also operates a 24-hour noise abatement hotline (954-828-6666). Area residents can report unusually loud or low aircraft to this hotline and receive feedback. The input helps staff link concerns with generated ANOMS reports and follow-up with pilots and operators. For more information about FXE, log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/FXE.



ANSWER THE CALL!

Invest in Your Fire-Rescue Stations



The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department is committed to protecting life and property. Since its humble beginnings in 1912, the Fire-Rescue Department has grown into an organization of more than 400 fire-rescue professionals working from 12 stations located strategically throughout the City. The department uses the most modern fire-rescue equipment and techniques to deliver fire and emergency medical services to the residents of Fort Lauderdale.

On November 2nd, citizens will have the opportunity to improve the Fire-Rescue Department's future by approving a \$40 million bond referendum to add one and replace nine fire-rescue station facilities. These facilities will be state-of-the-art buildings equipped with a community room and a medical examination room that can provide meaningful contributions to the community. The facilities will appropriately accommodate female personnel with adequate gender separation and will provide the needed space for personnel and apparatus required to maintain the service levels from these stations.

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue provides eight core areas of service:

- Fire-Rescue Operations
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Fire Prevention, Inspection Services and Community Outreach
- Domestic Preparedness and Emergency Management
- Financial Management
- Training and Special Operations
- Support Services and Communications
- Ocean Rescue (Beach Lifeguards)

The core service areas include: fire boat operations; water rescue; hurricane preparedness; and regional terrorism, technical, and hazardous material unit response.

The November 2nd Bond Referendum is a long-term investment in our Fire-Rescue Department. Funding for replacement of nine fire-rescue station facilities, one new fire-rescue station facility, land purchase and upgrade of existing facilities will be secured through the passage of this referendum. Issuance of bonds ensures that the costs associated with the financing will be shared equally between current and future residents.

A YES vote would improve the state of our fire-rescue stations.

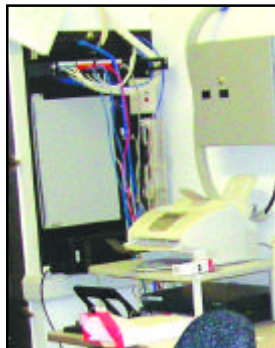
Current conditions plaguing your Fire-Rescue Stations include



... ***Water damage near electrical equipment;***

... ***Exposed and outdated wiring and computer equipment;***

... ***Insufficient storage capacity to accommodate all fire-rescue and life-saving equipment of today's needs.***



With the passage of the Fire-Rescue Bond Referendum, the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department will be able to:

☐ Construct 10 fire-rescue station facilities, purchase land as needed and refurbish existing fire-rescue stations as needed.

☐ Purchase land and construct one new fire-rescue station in the southeast area of the City (south of the New River, east of Andrews Avenue and north of 17th Street).

☐ Relocate Station 29 and construct a new fire-rescue station on property already purchased on East Sunrise Boulevard.

☐ Relocate Station 47 to a temporary building and construct a new facility on the present station location.

☐ Relocate and construct a new fire-rescue multi-agency facility at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (Combine Stations 53 & 88, Emergency Operations Center and Training facility and Hazardous Materials Team).

☐ Construct new Stations 46, 49 & 54 on present station sites. Relocate crews into a temporary building during construction.

☐ Construct new Stations 3 and 13 on present station sites. Attempt to purchase property to relocate Station 35. Relocate crews into a temporary building during construction projects.

☐ Enhance fire-rescue station domestic security with new security systems.

For more information, please call 954-828-4754 or log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/bond



Wireless Convenience For Consumers Impacts 9-1-1 Call Centers

Here's how you can be part of the solution.

Wireless phones are convenient safety devices. Whether confronted with a medical emergency or stranded on a remote highway, help is only a phone call away. Or is it?

There has been an explosive growth in the use of cellular telephones nationwide. The price for convenience and peace of mind has placed a strong impact on public safety.

"For many Americans, the ability to call 9-1-1 for help in an emergency is one of the main reasons for owning a wireless phone," said **Nancy Dzoba**, Public Safety Communications Manager for the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department. "While wireless phones can be an important public safety tool, they also create unique challenges for public safety and emergency response personnel."

Last year, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department Communication Center received 235,000 calls for 9-1-1, an estimated 85,000 calls were received from wireless phones. Additionally, A majority of consumers are not aware that the enhanced service available from a landline is not available from a wireless phone.

Enhanced 9-1-1 delivers the calling telephone number, the location and the name of the person to whom the telephone number is listed. Presently the enhanced 9-1-1 information is only provided if the call is placed from a landline telephone. Caller information is not available from cell phones and if a call is dropped prior to receiving all information emergency response cannot be dispatched.

A wireless phone is actually a radio with a transmitter and a receiver that uses radio frequencies or channels -- instead of telephone wire -- to connect callers. Because wireless phones are by their very nature mobile, they are not associated with one fixed location or address. A caller using a wireless phone could be calling from anywhere.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department is asking residents to assist by following a few guidelines shown at the right.

Also, each person who owns a wireless phone can do their part to help solve this problem by ensuring that their wireless phones are not preprogrammed to dial 9-1-1. A simple review of the wireless phone manual will help you ensure that your phone is program free.

Citizens are also asked to remember that there is a "non-emergency" number available to request for the service of Law Enforcement, Fire, or EMS personnel that is not a life or death situation. Examples of non-emergency situations are vandalism, a barking dog, a loud party, an abandoned vehicle, a delayed burglary or larceny where no culprit is on the scene.

A non-emergency situation should be reported to **954-828-5700**.



Checklist To Remember

Because no location information is delivered to the 9-1-1 Center when using a wireless phone, as in when a call is placed on a landline such as a home or place of business, it is important for people calling 9-1-1 from wireless phones to remember the following:

- ☒ Tell the emergency operator the location of the emergency right away.
- ☒ Give the emergency operator your wireless phone number so that if the call gets disconnected, the operator can call you back.
- ☒ If your wireless phone is not "initialized" (i.e., you do not have a contract for service with a wireless service provider), and your emergency call gets disconnected, you must call the emergency operator back because he or she does not have your telephone number and cannot contact you.
- ☒ Refrain from programming your phone to automatically dial 9-1-1 when one button, such as the "9" key, is pressed. Unintentional wireless 9-1-1 calls, which often occur when auto-dial keys are inadvertently pressed, cause problems for emergency services call centers.
- ☒ If your wireless phone came preprogrammed with the auto-dial 9-1-1 feature already turned on, turn this feature off. Check your user manual to find out how.
- ☒ Lock your keypad when you're not using your wireless phone. This action also prevents accidental calls to 9-1-1.

CVC Project Promotes Start Of New Era For South Side School

In celebration of the recently acquired South Side School, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Citizens Volunteer Corps teamed up with Friends of South Side to clean up the school building and grounds.



Appearing from left are South Side alumni Sandy Johnson Smith, Pam Mosser Wilkes, Rachel Ann Smith Murray and Alan Levy who were among more than 100 CVC volunteers present at the clean-up event.

The South Side School property, located at the corner of S. Andrews Avenue and S.W. 7th Street, opened in 1923 and educated generations of Fort Lauderdale students including Virginia Shuman Young, the first woman to be elected Mayor of Fort Lauderdale. The school closed in the 1960s and the building was later used for School Board offices.

The City recently acquired the property. Plans for the site include a complete renovation of the former school building which, upon completion, will be used for community purposes.

Friends of South Side, a not-for-profit group dedicated to restoring the South Side school building and grounds, is headed by local attorney John Wilkes and includes South Side School alumni, civic activists, business and community leaders. Friends of South Side is currently raising funds to help renovate the historic Fort Lauderdale landmark and has a number of events planned for the coming months. For more information, or to sign up as an alumni of South Side School, please call **Pam Brown**, Assistant to the Commission at (954) 828-5005.



Business Leaders Lend Support For Neighborhood Empowerment

When local businesses heard that budgetary restrictions would limit the City's involvement in the annual Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference held in Hollywood, dozens came forward to keep that from happening.

A combined contribution of \$9,000 from Keith & Schnars, P.A. and Ellis Diversified, Inc., in addition to in-kind sponsorships of materials and services from more than 60 area businesses, made it possible for the City of Fort Lauderdale Neighborhood Services to facilitate the coordination of several neighborhood tours, send neighborhood residents to the conference, and provide materials and services at the conference.

Neighborhoods USA is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Once a year, thousands of neighborhood representatives from across the country attend the conference to learn about neighborhood empowerment through workshops, seminars and networking opportunities with neighborhood council administrators and leaders from across the United States.

"This conference lends neighborhoods a unique opportunity to tackle their issues and explore solutions through the experiences of other neighborhood and business association activists," said **Marisol Lotito**, NCIP/BCIP Program Manager with Neighborhood Services.

"As a longtime resident and local developer, I am pleased to support the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program with respect to the Neighborhood USA Conference," said **Jim Ellis**, President of Ellis Diversified, Inc.

In past conferences, the City has been highlighted. This year, the City was able to exceed its participation level by offering attendees a tour of a variety of projects and neighborhoods. The tours were broken down into various categories and areas includ-

ing: Uptown Neighborhood & Business District, Special Assessments; Community Redevelopment Area (CRA); Southwest Coalition; Downtown Development Authority and Riverwalk Trust; Broward County Urban Trails.

"Once again, Neighborhood Services as part of the Engineering Division was pleased to participate in the NUSA conference. Whether on a national level such as this or the upcoming state conference in Jacksonville, the partnerships created between the communities and government have proved invaluable. With the sharing of each new idea, we are helping to build stronger communities across the state and the country," **Hal G. Barnes, P.E.**, Engineering Design Manager for Neighborhood Services.

For information on this year's conference, contact Marisol Lotito at (954) 828-8954 or email MLotito@fortlauderdale.gov. To obtain online resources from NUSA, log on to www.NUSA.org.

A special expression of gratitude to the following businesses and community leaders for their in-kind sponsorships of materials and services to the Neighborhoods USA Conference.

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| * Auto Toy Store | * Shooters Waterfront Cafe |
| * Calvary Church | U.S.A. |
| * Community & Economic Development Division | * Stiles Corporation |
| * Fort Lauderdale Antique Car Museum | * The Leiby Construction Law Firm |
| * Lauderdale Isles Yacht & Tennis Center | * The Restaurant People |
| * Renewal Medical Specialists | * The Tides at Bridgeside Square |
| * Shirttail Charlies | * The World Famous Parrot Lounge |
| * Speckled Dog Events | * Water Bus |
| | * Water Taxi |

Clean City Tips For Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is here until November 30 and it's important for each household to have a plan of action for what may be a busy few months with severe weather.

By taking some preventive measures, you can ensure that you manage solid waste effectively and safely during the 2004 hurricane season.

By now, major tree pruning, yard and household cleanup projects should have been completed. Remove yard debris regularly including all loose objects such as coconuts, dead limbs and palm fronds to ensure that they do not become flying debris in a storm. By planning cleanup activities before and/or after hurricane season, you eliminate potentially dangerous piles on your right-of-way if a storm threatens.

For additional information on pick-up schedules, acceptable bulk trash items, recyclables, carts, Clean City Services and more, call Customer Service at **(954) 828-8000**. Follow the Clean City tips at the right to ensure that your surroundings are safe from flying debris.

For Contractors Only...

The City of Fort Lauderdale has retained the services of Crowder/Gulf Joint Venture for emergency debris management. Local contractors seeking post storm debris hauling and clean up work are encouraged to contact Crowder/Gulf Joint Venture at: Phone: 1-800-992-6207; fax: (334) 654-0470 or e-mail: jramsay@crowder-gulf.com.

Please be aware of your regular trash, bulk and recycling pick-up schedules. If you are not sure of your regularly scheduled pick-up day, you can view a copy of the Bulk Trash calendar online at www.fortlauderdale.gov or you may contact the City of Fort Lauderdale 24-hour Customer Service line at **(954) 828-8000** for a copy. Only a state of emergency declared by the City Manager will adjust or interrupt a sanitation pick-up schedule. In this event, Sanitation will conduct two neighborhood curbside pickups to collect only bulk debris immediately following the storm. For more information, call the 24-hour Customer Service Line at **(954) 828-8000**.

Garbage, recycling and bulk trash pick-up services are suspended during a storm. Do not place bulk trash on the curb during an approaching storm since service may be discontinued.

Secure all carts and recycling bins in an enclosed area away from high winds or tie them down securely.

The City of Fort Lauderdale asks residents to be prepared for an adjustment to their regular pick-up schedule after a hurricane that may result in a missed pick-up.

TIP #1 TIP #2 TIP #3 TIP #4

Now is the time for citizens to take advantage of the City's yard waste disposal program and get properties hurricane ready. Assessing your property to ensure landscaping and trees do not become a wind hazard is a critical step. Taking action when a hurricane watch or warning has been issued is too late. City Sanitation Services are suspended during a storm, including yard waste pick-up, and the branches, tree limbs and trimmings left behind because of delayed tree trimming could become dangerous missiles if picked up by the wind. Citizens can help ensure the safety of their properties, as well as those around them.

Know Your Bulk Trash Pick-Up Date?

Do you know when your bulk trash items are scheduled for pick up? Do you know what qualifies as a bulk trash item?

The City of Fort Lauderdale offers monthly bulk trash service for the disposal of household items, including limited construction debris. Acceptable items include furniture, carpet, mattresses, toys, bicycles, refrigerators, air-conditioner units and more. Bulk trash crews provide pickup service once a month on specific days for each neighborhood. Crews pick up a maximum of 10 cubic yards, which is a pile of trash approximately 6 feet wide, 15 feet long and 3 feet high or equal to the size of a full size automobile. Anything more than 10 cubic yards will not be picked up.

For guidelines, a comprehensive listing of acceptable bulk trash items and to determine when your property is scheduled for bulk trash pick-up, view the 2004 Bulk Trash Calendar and Information brochure online at www.fortlauderdale.gov. You can also request a copy of the brochure by calling the 24-hour Customer Service Center at **(954) 828-8000**.



Fort Lauderdale Beach Rated Tops Among Nation's Best Managed Beaches

The City of Fort Lauderdale boasts more than seven miles of sparkling beach that offers residents and visitors premier opportunities for recreation, relaxation and enjoyment.

Since 1999, the non-profit, Washington-based Clean Beaches Council, has awarded Fort Lauderdale beach with the organization's highest honor - the "Blue Wave Beach" certification. This year, the Clean Beaches Council presented Greater Fort Lauderdale with the organization's first annual Best Beach Management Project award. Fort Lauderdale is launching two pilot projects that will test replenishing the area's erosion-prone

shoreline with sand made from ground-up recycled glass bottles. (Glass and sand are composed of similar materials.)

Now in its sixth year, the non-profit Clean Beaches Council runs the most comprehensive, national environmental and public safety beach certification program in the country. For the public, the program provides a good housekeeping stamp of approval for beaches, giving visitors an enjoyable vacation and peace of mind. For beach communities, it is an eco-label which means the beach has met a set of rigorous health and safety standards and is managed to protect the natural environment.



In order to be certified, applicants must meet the program's criteria for water quality, beach and intertidal conditions, safety, services, habitat conservation, erosion management, public information and education. Beaches that meet these criteria receive the Blue Wave flag, the symbol of the program, which is prominently displayed beachside.

Keep Waterways Clean By Applying Proper Stormwater Management

Whether it is an external home improvement project or a commercial structure that you are building, applying stormwater management practices is key to keeping our waterways clean.

Stormwater management is not typically in the minds of most citizens except when intense rainfall causes easily visible problems like flooding, soil erosion, and heavily polluted waterways. But stormwater also has less visible effects such as impacts upon aquatic life in local streams or chronic surface water quality problems. The best time to prepare to manage stormwater is before the rain comes.

As a growing City, residential and commercial buildings are enhancing our surroundings. At the same time, if erosion and sediment control are not properly addressed, they can hurt our quality of life.

Federal and state water policies require proper stormwater management and erosion and sediment control to reduce pollutants running into our waterways from construction sites. Erosion and sediment control should be addressed during the design phase of a construction project and here is why:

- * Uncontrolled sediments can clog storm drains, damage sensitive wildlife habitats and pollute canals, rivers and coastal waters.

- * During rainfall, construction site sediment containing harmful pollutants such as oil, grease and other contaminants are carried into our canals, rivers and coastal waters.

- * Preventive measures taken prior to and during the construction process are more economical and environmentally sound than corrective measures needed to restore entire bodies of water.

For more information on stormwater management, log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov or call the 24-hour Customer Service Line at (954) 828-8000.



Conserving For Our Future

The future of the City of Fort Lauderdale depends greatly upon the availability of water for generations to come.

Water conservation is an important part of Florida's overall water management program. Increasing urbanization and periodic droughts are placing greater demands on our water supplies along with the threat of saltwater intrusion and pollutants in our resources.

Now more than ever, citizens and businesses need to be waterwise. The City of Fort Lauderdale provides the following tips to consider:

1. Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning around your home.
2. Verify that your home is leak free. Many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
4. Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year. This adds to the cost of water and sewer utilities and adds to your water bill.
5. Retrofit all household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors to slow the flow of water.

To learn more about how you can be waterwise, log on to the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Around Town

Make It A Family Affair



Reserve your Labor Day weekend this year for the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., find sun, fun, food, arts and crafts and five stages of great music. This concert series takes place on the first Sunday of every month in the heart of Downtown Fort Lauderdale along

Fort Lauderdale's most scenic backdrop - the New River. For more information about SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch log on to www.fortlauderdale.gov/festivals.

September 5th (Labor Day Weekend)

Esplanade - Duffy Jackson Sextet

BCPA Peck Courtyard - FIU Jazz Quartet

Connie Hoffman Gazebo - SteveB & Friends

Rotary Gazebo - Phil Fest & Terezinha Valois

Las Olas Riverfront - Mike Bianco Jazz Trio

October 3

Esplanade - Paul Berman and Victory Band

BCPA Peck Courtyard - Arturo Fuente

Connie Hoffman Gazebo - Phil Magallanes

Rotary Gazebo - Cindy Curtis and Company

Las Olas Riverfront - SA Brazilian Jazz Quartet

Labor Day Arts Festival On Las Olas

The tradition continues with this end of the summer ritual along famous Las Olas Boulevard in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Don't miss this extravagant look at oils, acrylics, jewelry, sculptures and more by artists from throughout the United States and Canada. The Las Olas Art Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 4th and 5th along Las Olas Boulevard from S.E. 6th Avenue to S.E. 11th Avenue. No admission. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



Photo courtesy of Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau

Learn, Play Bridge

Play Bridge with one of the largest clubs in North America. The Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, located in Holiday Park, offers a wide variety of games for all levels of play. Duplicate Bridge Masterpoint games take place Monday through Saturday at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. Social Bridge is offered Monday and Thursday at noon and on Saturday at 12:15 p.m. Games are \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Lunch and dinner are available prior to games for a small donation. Bridge lessons are offered for all levels of play. For more information, please call the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club at (954) 761-1577.

African-America Research Library and Cultural Center Hosts Dance Extravaganza

The African-American Research Library and Cultural Center located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard will serve as host to the Jubilee Dance Theatre. The nonprofit, South Florida-based dance company will present "No Boundaries", a multicultural artistic expression through ballet, modern, jazz and hip-hop. This signature dance performance will take place on Friday, September 10 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, September 11 at 7 p.m. See their premier performance *It Takes a Village*. Advance tickets are \$13 for adults, \$6.50 for children up to 13 years. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children up to 13 years. For more information, call (954) 817-0664 or (954) 856-3627.

Walk On the Wild Side At Snyder Park

In the heart of Fort Lauderdale sits a 93-acre park with ample picnic areas, recreational space and offerings to explore in this untouched natural setting.



Hike, fish and go boating with the Snyder Park Exploration Program. Learn about wildlife as expert speakers teach you about bird watching, wildlife endangerment and

native plants and much more. There is no other place where you can focus on the natural beauty and excitement that wildlife and nature have to offer.



It's fun and educational for all ages. Nature exploration takes place on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12, and \$2 for groups of four or more. Children under the age of 5 are free. Snyder Park is located at 3299 S.W. 4th Ave. For more information, call (954) 828-4585. Upcoming topics include:

Aug. 14 - Boating

Sept. 11 - Stay Wild Kids presented by the Wildlife Care Center.

Get Fit With Fun At Mills Pond Park

It's a fitness explosion!

Classes for beginners, intermediate and those advanced in fitness are available at the Mills Pond Park Recreation Center, 2201 N.W. 9th Ave. (Powerline Road).

Classes take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$4 per class for City residents and \$6 per class for non-residents. Come and learn the basis for movement, body and muscle structures. Most importantly, learn how to make exercise a healthy, fun habit and learn the key to leading a healthy and fitness-filled life. Classes include Aerobic Kickboxing, Step Aerobics, Floor Aerobics, Fitness Boot Camp, resistance training, Pilates, abdominal training, Yoga and meditation. For additional information, call **(954) 258-5470** and ask for Group Fitness Instructor & Personal Trainer Diana McDowell. All participants are asked to bring a towel and water in a closed/portable container to each class.

Crime Prevention Activities To Schedule

Crime prevention strategies are as diverse as the communities they serve. In some communities, police officers ride bicycles as part of community policing programs, while others use mentoring to help curb at risk delinquent behavior. In all cases, the success of a crime prevention strategy is dependent upon the cooperation between local law enforcement, citizens and city administrators. The City of Fort Lauderdale offers a variety of workshops and community meetings with law enforcement officials. Here are a few offerings for the rest of the summer.

Free Workshops Scheduled ...

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department has scheduled two free informational workshops titled Landlord Tenant Training on August 18 and September 15. Both sessions will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department 1300 W. Broward Blvd. Topics include keeping illegal activity out of property; the Federal Fair Housing Act; Section 8 Housing; applicant screening; rental agreements, available city resources and more. For information, or to register, please call **Rosa Vazquez at (954) 828-6428**.

Citizens Crime Alert Topics

Citizens Crime Alert, Inc. is a resource for citizens to gain information about public safety. The group is made up of community residents who meet the first Monday of each month with a City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department official to discuss various crime prevention strategies. The meetings are held on the 8th floor of City Hall, located at 100 N. Andrews Ave. The next meeting will feature Homeland Security in the City of Fort Lauderdale on September 7. For information, contact Pat Mayers at **(954) 763-7863**.

Note: While we make every effort to include timely information, circumstances occasionally force changes to events listed. Please call the numbers listed prior to attending. Additionally, current events may cause delays in mail delivery of this publication. Should you receive this publication after an event has occurred please accept our apologies.



Neighborhood Conference Offers Wealth Of Information

It's Florida Neighborhoods Conference time again. The 8th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference will take place September 16 -18, 2004, in Jacksonville, Florida. The conference offers residents the opportunity for peer-to-peer, neighbor-to-neighbor training, support and networking. Registration fees for the conference range from \$20 for individual events to \$60 for the professional track registration if registered by the Early Bird deadline of August 13. Registrations after the early bird deadline range from \$20 to \$120. Hotel rates start at \$89. This year's conference, themed "Building Super Neighborhoods," will include more than 20 city and neighborhood tours and more than 30 workshops designed to help build stronger communities. In addition, the conference will feature two keynote speakers, John L. McKnight, Co-director of the Assest-Based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University, and Florida Secretary of State Glenda Hood, who initiated the Florida Neighborhoods Conference in 1997 when she was Mayor of Orlando. Conference registration booklets are available online at www.coj.net or by contacting Leslie G. Carhart at (954) 828-8962 or lcarhart@fortlauderdale.gov. Citizens are encouraged to register and make your travel and hotel arrangements early to ensure availability and to take advantage of the best rates. Questions about the conference may be directed to the City of Jacksonville's Neighborhood Services Division at (904) 630-7398 or neighbor@coj.net. In addition, the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County have two Florida Neighborhoods Conference Steering Committee members who can answer questions: Leslie G. Carhart at **(954) 828-8962** or lcarhart@fortlauderdale.gov; and Don Stone **(954) 357-6673** or dstone@broward.org.

Become A Part Of History

Volunteer as a docent for one of Fort Lauderdale's oldest historic homes which served as the City's first bank, trading post, post office, hotel and now a museum. A guided tour of Stranahan House is like a magical journey through time and you can become a part of it. Restored to its 1913 configuration, Stranahan House is a "must see" in South Florida and definitely a place to be a part of as a community volunteer. Docents, also known as guides, are currently needed to escort guests through the house and assist with educational tours. Training is easy, free and fun. To become a docent, call **(954) 524-4736**. Stranahan House is located at 335 SE 6th Ave. on the New River.



Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.fortlauderdale.gov

Register Now For Free CERT Training



As a CERT graduate, City of Fort Lauderdale residents receive a duffel bag filled with emergency supplies including a first aid kit, flashlight, work gloves, a hard hat, safety vest, dust masks and more.

Each year a number of communities fall victim to emergencies such as hurricanes, floods and tornadoes.

Hurricane season is well underway and as a coastal community, the City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking residents who have

not become Community Emergency Response Trainees to sign up for the upcoming class that starts September 1.

C.E.R.T., Community Emergency Response Team, is an eight week course that is provided by City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue personnel at no charge.

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Special Operations and Training Bureau located at 2000 N.E. 16th St.

As a C.E.R.T. member, you will learn life-saving skills including fire suppression, basic first aid, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation and patient assessment. Trainees will also form neighborhood alliances to assist the City's Fire Rescue professionals.

Emergency personnel cannot always immediately access your neighborhood following a major disaster. However, you can make a lifesaving difference by learning the necessary skills needed to survive the immediate aftermath of a hurricane, tornado, fire, flood or other major disaster as a C.E.R.T. graduate. The C.E.R.T. curriculum provides hands-on training that will enable you to initiate and implement learned disaster rescue techniques, which can be utilized until emergency personnel are able to reach you.

To register, contact Gerry Burrini at **(954) 828-6700** or email gburrini@fortlauderdale.gov. Due to space limitations, registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



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